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## Scanner Reports 7-15-15

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### Roger the Scanner Guy

Wednesday Hump Day. Roger's Rant: In Santa Barbara I think it means something else in a quiet sort of way behind ones back, like an invisible kick that comes out of nowhere. Party, Party, Party. Rules are not followed by anyone but especially by the "Do as we say not as we do Crew". How can anyone be expected to follow the rules if no one does? It's a total Free for all; a big party till a pooper comes along and ruins things momentarily for the rest then everyone howls injustices for 20 minutes like rock ripples in a pond. Soon all is calm again things are back to the Normal Insanity of life in S.B. One can only tell by the way things are maintained here. Yes my Grammar might SUCK and I might be dumber than a Bag of Hammers, but some people can tell what I'm saying and it's those people who care about Santa Barbara and not just see it as a place to make money off of. Temporary fixes only work for a while, cheap material crumbles into dust. Some people don't care they make their money sell their castles of sand to some poor soul that can't afford to lose everything when their dream crumbles to the ground, so do they.

Millions of dollars are donated toward getting people off the streets here in Santa Barbara but most of the homeless in Santa Barbara continue to live on the streets. Where does all that money go? The money that is supposed to provide housing and food for the homeless. Why are homeless people given tickets for camping outside when they have no home? Those tickets turn to warrants because someone homeless can't afford to pay a fine for sleeping outside. If they could they would have a home. They get a warrant, they go to jail. At least it keeps the jails full. How come homeless people get tickets for going pee and poo outside? Homeless people don't have bathrooms. Same thing for the sleeping outside; the homeless cannot afford to pay the fine, most don't show up for court. They get a warrant and go to jail for a few days. Many homeless people are physically ill. Some have cancer, they need a place to go to the bathroom. How come bathrooms are not provided for these ill people? Some of the bathrooms provided during the day are too far to get to before nature takes its course.

Years ago when Shakey ran Texaco on the lower East Side, there was a dude that showed up in the morning to use the bathroom. He had cancer. He'd bleed all over the damn place. Old Shakey, he's got a heart of gold, one time the guy left a mess and had to go to the hospital. Old Shakey just cleaned it right up. Once a Marine, Always a Marine that's Old Shakey, a year older than I. Through the years I have lived in Santa Barbara I took in over a hundred homeless people on my dime. Some I clothed and fed and I never took a grant. Where did the money go? Five bucks an hour, mostly toward rent but there was always enough left over for rice, beans and



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coffee. It's too bad that most of the money donated to homeless organizations nowadays goes for staff salaries and the running of the organization. There's always a little that goes in someone's pockets. As far as the Homeless go some sleep in Pershing Park, some in Alameda Park, some in Stevens Park, some in Mc Kenzie Park, some in Oak Park, some in La Mesa Park, some on the Beach, some in their vehicles and RV's. How many of these people sleeping outside benefit from these organizations? What services are provided and honored? How come there are drunks and intimidating bullies out there on the streets yelling at the public and demanding they give up their money? It seems almost every block in the downtown area is covered with one or two people yelling and demanding money from people they don't know; scaring old folks, crippled folks, and children. Why is that? Really? It can't all be the Big Bad Boogie Man ACLU?

Everyone appreciates the breaking of the news and the comments even though they are not perfect until it's all over, then here comes the Santa Barbara Saints to tear it all down. Slap me down with slanderous comments about being an idiot or not on their level of intelligence. What I got to say is: People that live in Glass Houses should not throw stones, and just about everyone in Santa Barbara lives in a glass home.

### Here is Your HUMP DAY Scanner Roni Reports, Monday:

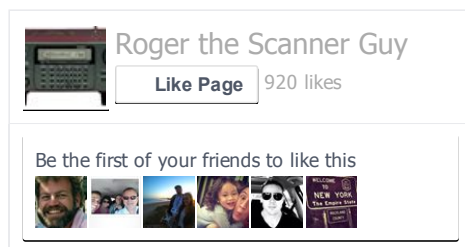
- ME 325 W. Islay unknown type.
- Code 40, DRUNK at Cottage ready for the sober center.
- San Bernardino will not pick up on a warrant it's cite and release only.
- ME Ill subject Kellogg and Hollister.
- Someone threatened to jump from a Volvo headed to Taft I think I'd jump from any car headed to Taft I don't see anything wrong there. CHP keeping tabs on it.
- 242 Assault occurred at Cottage investigation Lobby of the PD.
- ME kiosk at the wharf.
- 20001 Felony hit and run at the rescue mission white ford pickup hit subject on bicycle kept going.
- Possible suicide attempt from pills 600 Block of San Pasqual.
- Code 40, DRUNK wearing a Hawaiian shirt and yelling at people Cota and State Street.
- 415 Transient disturbing city workers at Alameda Park.
- Code 40, DRUNK down next to his buddy a vodka bottle at the Library 40 East Anapamu.
- SBPD Looking for a wanted subject in the creek bed Cacique and Soledad.
- 415 Domestic associated with an RV near Cottage, a couple moments later RV was at First East Constance, woman got out, SBPD on scene. RV drove off stopped around the corner. Police officer called it in while approaching the RV more units responded. Subject refused to get out of the RV then cut himself then drove off hitting a police car starting an off again on again pursuit damaging a few cars causing minor injuries through town. Finally gave up after his RV did on Foothill.
- ME subject down Quinientos at Ashley.
- Milpas at Montecito 415 Subject.
- 459 Burglary known subject ripped stuff off and was stuffing it in his trunk 400 Block of Cornel.
- Ugly old fart in his 50's wearing a hat, a beard, and a backpack ripped off a red cruiser bike in the 700 Block of Olive.
- Fall Victim on an MTD bus Cliff at Lighthouse.
- 415 Daddy Dearest 7300 Block of Hollister not being a good Daddy.
- 459 Burglary 3000 Maryland Way.
- 459 Burglary 1200 East Montecito.

### Scanner Roni Reports, Tuesday:

- 2 Vehicle traffic accident at Hot Springs Southbound 101 non injury.
- Several drinkers in the 400 Block of State Street pounding the alcohol.
- ME Samy's Camera 500 Block of State Street diabetic problem.
- 6900 Block of Phelps in Goleta 242 Former employee punched Da Boss in Da Face.
- Subject refusing to leave a business in the 5100 Block of Union Santa Maria.
- Chapel at Hollister Abandoned motorcycle.
- Brush Fire live wire down 4800 Block of South Bradley.

- Abandoned RV on Padre between Bath and Castillo brown and white RV.
- 415 Subject at Denny's 3600 Block of State refusing to leave.
- 415 Transient causing disturbance at Los Arroyos and Savoy Deli on West Figueroa.
- 200 Block of State 415 Transient yelling and swearing got a picture of Einstein on his shirt. Giving Albert a bad name if you axe me.
- Check the Welfare of a doggie in a vehicle 317 West Pueblo at Sansum Clinic.
- 415 Customer Bank of America 3700 Block of State Street female wearing a Hawaiian shirt. What is it with these people wearing Hawaiian shirts going off around here? I got one of those in my dresser and that's where it's staying. Zombies.
- Suspicious circumstances 5600 Block of Armenta broken bottle in street next to a damaged car. Hmm, maybe someone threw the bottle at the car and damaged it.
- 484 Shoplifter in Custody at Macys 701 State Street took a hat and possibly a pair of jeans.
- Suspicious subject at East Side Park emptying all the trash from the trash cans and taking the trash cans. Black female adult riding a bicycle. Hmm, I could use a trash can, never thought of that.
- Parking violation 200 Block of East Cota a pickup truck violated the 15 Minute parking zone.
- Subject with two Felony Warrants 4200 Block of Via Real.
- Non injury traffic accident Rancheria and Montecito.
- 415 222 West Carrillo on going issue with a subject stealing Alcohol from this CVS.
- Late traffic accident report the city yard 400 East Ortega.
- Now for some real Snooze Breaking; 3 Subjects are behind 524 State Street smoking Marijuana and one of the subjects has a beard! That should be good for ten to twenty. I don't wanna hear any more of those scary Marijuana smoker calls. I'm going to have to board myself up in the house now! No telling what those people are going to eat when they get the Munchies! I hope the police respond with the Bear Cat!

That's enough outta me for now Have a Great Hump Day. Belinda and Pooh Bear willing, we will see you on FRYday. Later, Roger



### Comments in order of when they were received | ([reverse order](#))

COMMENT 630252 A H N O

2015-07-15 08:07 AM

Whenever we have a spat and my wife kicks me out of the house, I go sleep the night in Stevens Park. I've noticed many homeless camping out in the creek there too.

COMMENT 630261 A H N O

2015-07-15 08:30 AM

I wonder how the homeless folks get up to the park?

COMMENT 630273 A H N O

2015-07-15 09:11 AM

I'm so sick and tired of stupid calls in to the 5-0 regarding weed smoking and boobies at the beach. It's so low priority it's just a joke.

Radical idea: Let's focus on helping people improve their lives, build up the infrastructure that's rapidly crumbling around us, and let people smoke weed! Colorado and Washington did it, and guess what? They have TONS of extra money that the state gets to use for public education, road maintenance, and all sort of improvements to the state.

I think there would be fewer transients getting loaded on booze and getting violent, if there was legal pot. just sayin.

COMMENT 630276 A H N O

2015-07-15 09:12 AM

Agreed - lots of money in this town goes to homeless shelters and facilities to help with our town's homeless issue but I disagree with you that this money is going into someone's pocket - the real problem here is that a lot of our homeless shelters are drug and alcohol free and many of our homeless population are unwilling to give up those perks to check themselves in for help! Look at all the changes down at Casa Esperanza and the difference they are making in the lives of individuals who are open and willing to be drug and alcohol free and work hard towards changing their lifestyle... many others in our town are just looking for a free ride and that's not how society works.

COMMENT 630283P A H N O

2015-07-15 09:27 AM

I don't live in a glass house... it's made of mud, tallow and daub. Glass houses is for narcissists and exhibitionists.

As for people getting rich off the moneys allocated to assist the homeless... that's just a smoke screen to keep you from noticing the suits picking your pockets at the bank, at the gas pump, at the grocery store. Yup keep focussing on the little guys with no power (illegal immigrants, homeless etc) so you won't notice the real power grabbers who are really good at squeezing the life out of the middle class.

COMMENT 630284 A H N O

2015-07-15 09:27 AM

Where is this boob beach you speak of??? I bike down to Goleta beach all the time and never see anything like what you describe. And trust be bub I'm checking. I'm being cheated I tell you cheated!

And BTW, 273 is 100% correct about the weed. I was in CO just last year. The amount of infrastructure (light electric rail and such) going in is staggering. Really smart development going on in CO some of that must be funded by the weed tax. Plus everyone I talked to was really mellow and nice.

COMMENT 630316P A H N O

2015-07-15 10:29 AM

I'm all for letting people smoke weed (and taxing it!), but not where they'll blow smoke in my face. And it's not for kids. More studies are showing an increased rate of schizophrenia and other mental problems among people who smoked weed heavily when young.

ROGER DODGER A H N O

2015-07-15 10:35 AM

The people who ran the shelter last seemed to be able to squeeze the donation box for some cash that was in fact the real reason they are gone. I had inside info on that I have worked in shelters for room and board throughout my life and every joint had a couple of squeezers that got a little more than they should..The current administration of our local shelter I don't know too much about but I wonder about all the RV's parked in the HOOD, while they have always parked in the neighborhood there was never as many as there is now. I'm sure there's a trade off here somewhere. I used to Walk from Butterfly to Goleta Beach once in a while and I have seen some interesting things on the beach through the years..I like posting the marijuana calls because one minute the powers that be say it's low priority the next their are stalking stoners. Of course I don't think it's legal to smoke anything in public. Homeless people walk to the park sometimes they fly but I haven't seen any lately..

COMMENT 630328 A H N O

2015-07-15 10:50 AM

I love that WA and CO legalized weed! Have you noticed that since those states went legal, those obnoxious young urban travelers have left State st? Thank you WA and CO.

COMMENT 630344 A H N O

2015-07-15 11:29 AM

Roger, as a formerly homeless person I really feel for people struggling. However, I have seen a dramatic increase in homeless people and as a local, I have never seen these people around town ever. I believe a lot of homeless people are coming to SB due to the good weather and it is less crowded than other metros. SB resources can't save everyone and it is on the federal government to provide medical services and mental health treatment to the neediest.

I agree on providing bathrooms but there is the risk of them being used to do drugs, prostitution and can't be kept clean. It's a hard situation to manage.

ROGER DODGER A H N O

2015-07-15 11:37 AM

I agree with you on the bathroom issue none the less they are needed..I hate to say it because I really doubt it would work but I think there needs to be a government within the homeless community. Concerning not only the RVers but campers too then need to police themselves it might help things a little around here..I have heard stories of overdose deaths,prostitution, stabbings, even murder in bathrooms, but that stuff happens outside of bathrooms too..The bathrooms are still needed there are also homeless elderly out there they sometimes cannot hold it..Just my .42 cents.

COMMENT 630386 A H N O

2015-07-15 12:50 PM

How do the poor homeless people walk all the way to the foothills? What if they have a shopping cart full of stuff? Or if they get hungry - who do they ask for a dime? The Squirrels? I'm so sad!

CATCHER.RYE-22 A H N O

2015-07-15 02:12 PM

I have no clue about what is going on with the Hawaiian shirts. I just want to know what ever happened to Fired-up Fred? Was he fired by Edhat editors?

ROGER DODGER A H N O

2015-07-15 02:25 PM

I have no idea what happened to him? I don't know how the homeless get to the foothills probably walk. I never went up there myself unless I was working.

EDHAT ONLINE A H N O

2015-07-15 02:48 PM



Catcher.Rye-22: Fired Up Fred has taken a brief hiatus to focus on his family and his health. Although he has written to edhat and said he plans to write more articles very soon.

-ed

CATCHER.RYE-22 A H N O

2015-07-15 03:36 PM

ed: Thank you for letting us know what is going on with Fired Up Fred. His opinions may not always be popular or expressed in polite terms, but he is provocative in an entertaining manner.

COMMENT 630502P A H N O

2015-07-15 05:25 PM

Stevens Park isn't exactly the foothills! lol. It's in the midst of what I call "old San Roque," not tract homes. Biked and played there as a kid living in a tract home to the west. It's at 258 Canon Dr. Yes, you can get to the foothills and mountains from the park. The Canon dr. loop, 12 years old, riding my sibling's Peugeot, coming close to crashing through sheer speed – it was great!

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